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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Sumiya NAGATSUKA

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For : IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,

METHOD, PROGRAM, AND-RECORDING MEDIUM FOR PERFORMING AT LEAST ONE OF GRADATION PROCESSING,

FREQUENCY PROCESSING AND DYNAMIC

RANGE COMPRESSION

Art Unit : 2624

Examiner : JOHN B. STREGE

AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 21, 2007, and the Advisory Action mailed December 11, 2007, the term for response to which is extended by one month by Petition filed concurrently herewith to expire on December 21, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 4. Claims 1, 6 and 12 are amended; claim 11 is canceled; and claims 2-5 and 7-10 are maintained.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Customer No. 01933

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In the event that this Paper is late filed, and the necessary petition for extension of time is not filed concurrent; herewith, please consider this herewith, please consider this extension of time, and to the extension of time, and to the extension for time, and to the extension fee to Account No. 06-1378. In addition, authorization is hereby given to charge any fees for which the content of the content of